

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) OF 2010 REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

Please attach a letter of support from the non-federal sponsor

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS INFORMATION

Army Corps of Engineers District: **Seattle District**
 Point of Contact (Name and Title): **Mark Ohlstrom, Project Manager**
 Army Corps of Engineers Phone: **(206) 764-3776**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Non-Federal Sponsor: **Soos Creek Water and Sewer District**
 Address: **14616 SE 192nd Street**
 City: **Renton** State: **WA** Zip Code: **98058-1039**

Point of Contact: **Ron Speer**
 Phone: **(253) 630-9900** Email: **rspeer@sooscreek.com**

DC Representation (if any): **Kareem Murphy (The Ferguson Group)**
 Phone: **(202) 261-6017**
 Address: **1130 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 300** Email: **kmurphy@tfgnet.com**
 City: **Washington** State: **DC** Zip Code: **20036**

PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE: Soos Creek Environmental Infrastructure Project

Prioritized: 1 of 1 total requests for your organization

Project Purpose: (Please check)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Protection and Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Damage Reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Plant Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline Protection | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydroelectric Power | |

Amount requested: **\$5,500,000**
 Total cost of project: **\$10,000,000**
 Minimum amount of FY2010 funding needed to begin or sustain this project: **\$45,675**

Are you requesting this through any other office(s): **No** If yes, which office(s):

Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 150 characters):

- You may attach additional information, however, please understand that the description provided below will be used for any and all public disclosure requirements.

The project includes a habitat -sensitive approach for environmental infrastructure through the strategic replacement of key sewer pump stations and transmission lines.

Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?

The project is being developed and implemented in conjunction with the Cities of Covington and Maple Valley and will also benefit portions of unincorporated King County. The District is prepared to comply with any and all federal performance measurements. Project performance may be measured in terms of improvements to water quality in Jenkins Creek. It may also be measured in the lack of rate increases to sewer system rate payers. The project will stop periodic leakage into the watershed in which the current lift station is situated. This watershed feeds Jenkins Creek, which is a salmon-bearing stream. These and a host of other criteria may be used to judge the project's benefits and success. The District is prepared to provide more than the required minimum 45% non-federal cost share.

The project will also permit additional residential and commercial growth by expanding wastewater capacity. It will help King County by reducing the need for further expansion of its planned Brightwater Wastewater Treatment facility.

The District is an independent local government that serves south King County. The District's service now covers an area more than 35 square miles and provides water and sewer services to almost 100,000 people. Water is purchased from Seattle Public Utilities and reaches our reservoirs via Lake Youngs. The sanitary sewer system, with 30 lift stations, conveys the wastewater to the King County Department of Natural Resources treatment plant in Renton for treatment and disposal. The District's system is nearly 70 years old and many of its transmission lines, pump stations, and lift stations have reached their useful life. Replacement of several is necessary.



Soos Creek Water and Sewer District Financing Plan for Environmental Infrastructure Program November 2009

Total Project Cost: \$10 million
Sources of Funds: Soos Creek Capital Fund (sewer system rate payers),
funded through previously issued general obligation bonds

\$1.8 million in non-federal funding is available in federal fiscal year 2010. The District has ample funds to pay the minimum 45% non-federal cost share.

Budget Breakout:

Design	\$ 1,250,000
Permits, e.g. Army Corps of Engineers	\$ 100,000
Lift Station Removal	\$ 400,000
Environmental Protection	\$ 1,000,000
Construction	\$ 6,650,000
Inspection	\$ 190,000
Restoration (Wetland)	\$ <u>410,000</u>
	\$ 10,000,000

Cost Share Percentage: Fully funding the request would provide 10% of the project's overall cost.

Budget Justification: Federal funding would defray costs that will otherwise be borne by the system's ratepayers. All federal funding will be used to reduce that portion of the project's costs that would be funded through debt bonds. All cost savings achieved through federal funding will be passed on to the system's ratepayers through reductions in anticipated rate increases. Federal funding allows the District to avoid cost increases needed to pay for the bonds.



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.

PROJECT NAME: Soos Creek Environmental Infrastructure Program

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Ron Speer

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: District Manager

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: Soos Creek Water and Sewer District

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 14616 SE 192nd Street, Renton, WA
98058-1039

SIGNATURE:

DATE: November 24, 2009

SOOS CREEK WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

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November 24, 2009

Congressman David Reichert
United States House of Representatives
1730 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Reichert:

Thank you for all of your support for Washington's Eighth Congressional District. We know that you are a tireless advocate for our needs and your service is much appreciated. As the Congress considers the Water Resources Development Act this year, we are asking your support for a project of regional significance in your Congressional District. We are asking that you submit for inclusion in that bill an authorization of \$5.5 million the Soos Creek Environmental Infrastructure Program. This program is designed to ensure that existing needs and anticipated growth from development do not compromise environmentally sensitive areas served by our system.

The program features a habitat -sensitive approach for environmental infrastructure through the strategic replacement of key sewer pump stations and transmission lines. Due to federal, state, and regional environmental laws and regulations, the District must improve its treatment and transmission systems to protect against breaches into several salmon-bearing streams and sensitive watersheds. Our current system is inadequate to meet both the system's demands and the environmental requirements. This project is designed to address those inadequacies. Federal assistance is needed due to lack of sufficient local funding. It will help prevent costs from being borne solely by our ratepayers.

The program is of regional significance. It will support systems provided to unincorporated areas of King County, and the Cities of Covington and Maple Valley, and several surrounding areas. It will also help King County by reducing the need for further expansion of its planned Brightwater Wastewater Treatment facility. Program benefits are oriented toward the greater King County natural and aquatic habitats and Soos ratepayers.

We would appreciate your support. This is a project in which you, the Congress, and the Army Corps of Engineers can take great pride. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Ron Speer
District Manager



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION

In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.

Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.

I hereby certify that on Dec. 2, 2009, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

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DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: _____

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Ron Speer

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: District Manager

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SIGNATURE: Ron Speer

DATE: 12/2/09

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Tom Young

SIGNATURE: Tom Young

DATE: Dec 2, 2009